

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Mayuki MIZUKOSHI et al.

New U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP01/02934

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For: BRUSH REFORMING APPARATUS FOR TOOTHBRUSH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 26, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before Line 1, page 1 insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application No.
PCT/JP01/02934, filed April 4, 2001, the entire specification claims and drawings of
which are incorporated herewith by reference. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) The brush reforming apparatus for a toothbrush according to
claim 1, 2 or 4,

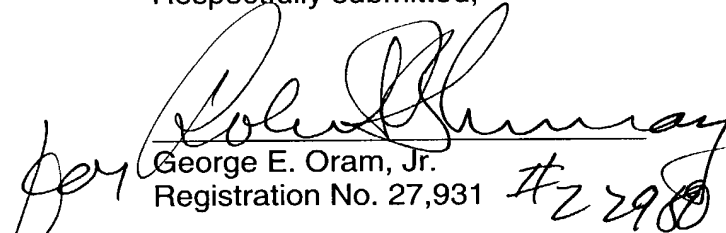
wherein the one or two guiding groove(s) or the one or two guiding elongated
slot(s) has or have an arc-like or wave-like shape in which the binding body or the

endless binding body is inserted therethrough, or the one or two guiding groove(s) or the one or two guiding elongated slot(s) has a protrusion formed at a wall thereof or the toothbrush supporting body has a horizontal rod formed at a front surface thereof and the binding body or the endless binding body has a recessed groove or an elongated slot formed thereto to allow insertion of the protrusion or the horizontal rod through the recessed groove or the elongated slot.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 5 has been amended to correct the multiple dependency thereof and to place this application into better condition for examination. No new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,


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MARKED-UP CLAIM

5. (Amended) The brush reforming apparatus for a toothbrush according to claim 1, 2[, 3] or 4,

wherein the one or two guiding groove(s) or the one or two guiding elongated slot(s) has or have an arc-like or wave-like shape in which the binding body or the endless binding body is inserted therethrough, or the one or two guiding groove(s) or the one or two guiding elongated slot(s) has a protrusion formed at a wall thereof or the toothbrush supporting body has a horizontal rod formed at a front surface thereof and the binding body or the endless binding body has a recessed groove or an elongated slot formed thereto to allow insertion of the protrusion or the horizontal rod through the recessed groove or the elongated slot.